



## Coalition Connections

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**Meeting Wednesday, June 7 at 9 am at the Board of Ed Building**

**NEXT MEETING OF THE HUNGER COALITION:**

**WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2017, 9 a.m.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING**

**Save the Date!**

*The Talbot Hunger Coalition will be open for business all summer long. Our pantries never close and our meal providers keep at it. Our table travels from festival to fair to the Farmers Market. If you know of a festival or fair that we should be at, let Catherine Poe know at [catpoe@goeaston.net](mailto:catpoe@goeaston.net)*

*While the Hunger Coalition meetings will take a break until September, Coalition Connections will still continue. So send us your news.*

*And enjoy summer and don't forget, all you hard-working people, to kick back once in awhile.*

## Meals on Wheels

Help is needed packing meals, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from approximately 9 a.m. —11 a.m. Back-up drivers are also needed for meal delivery. Contact Cheryl Knopf, Meals on Wheels Coordinator at 410-822-2869 pantries and X 225 or via email to [cknopf@uppershoreaging.org](mailto:cknopf@uppershoreaging.org) for more info.

## Empty Bowls

Good news for Empty Bowls and the pantries and CarePacks that share in its generosity. Susan DuPont, co-founder, has announced, "We distributed \$24,286 this year: \$2,680 to each of eight Talbot County pantries and CarePacks.

"We have set the date for next year's event, our 10<sup>th</sup>, for Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church." Another date to save!



*Ryan Groll working with Ms. Fitzhugh's third graders at St. Michaels Elementary School on May 31.*

## Nutritious Kid Treats

Ryan Groll, who owns Eat Sprout with his wife Emily, has been going into the Talbot Public Schools and teaching kids how to make tasty, healthy, no-bake granola bars. It was hands-on with the kids making the bars right there in the classroom. And the kids loved them.

I hooked up with Ryan at after one my speeches at Rotary and he said he wanted to do something to get the word out on nutritious and delicious eating and what better way to change eating habits than with children. I reached out to Dr. Griffith and she connected me with the teachers in several schools and *Voila!*, it happened.

Eat Sprout is a perfect example of the Hunger Coalition's private/public partnerships.

## School Gardens Soon

Sharon Morrison, Head of the Community Nutrition and Gardening Education Project, met with the Green School Committee of St. Michaels and the parent group supporting Green Schools, and now her plans for a fall vegetable garden are underway for the school's courtyard. The teachers last month cleared and readied the beds for next fall's plantings, which will be done by the students under Sharon's tutelage.

A huge thanks to Sharon for the measuring cups and spoons she had made for us to distribute at the MultiCultural Festival on May 6. They were a huge hit with all 250 being given out. We actually ran out and they were a great draw to our table. And thanks to Oliver Brown who volunteered to be there as 1500 people thronged the Easton Middle School gym.

Sharon has also been teaching nutrition. Contact her to learn more what she can do for you: [gardens@umd.edu](mailto:gardens@umd.edu)



*June McGuckian volunteered to staff on our booth, talking with people who wanted to know about the work of the Hunger Coalition.*

### **Farmers Market**

Look for us over Fourth of July Weekend at the Easton Farmers Market on July 1, Saturday at our usual spot down where the band usually plays.

On Saturday, Memorial Day Weekend, we were there, next to Empty Bowls, which did a brisk business raising money by selling leftover bowls made for the February dinner.

And remember many of the vendors donate the produce they don't sell to the Neighborhood Service Center.

**See you at the Market**